

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on 20 June 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-11.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 20 June 2006 has been received and entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see amendment filed 20 June 2006, with respect to claims 1-6 have been fully considered and original claims 1-6 have been cancelled and therefore withdrawn from consideration.

Drawings

3. The replacement drawings were received on 20 June 2006. These drawings are accepted.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 7-11 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 7, Wischmann *et al.* (US 2003/0020019) teaches an x-ray detector comprising a plurality of detector units, including sensor elements (photosensor arrangement, 2b) and read-out circuits (12), arranged in a detector surface (converter layer, 2), as well as an x-ray shielding layer (13) between the sensor elements and the read-out circuits (Fig. 2). In this disclosure, Wischmann *et al.* provides no guidance as to the spatial arrangement of the sensor elements and read-out circuitry. While the sensor elements (2b) could be in alignment with the individual read-out circuits, Kobayashi *et al.* (6,600,160) teaches an x-ray detector in which an x-ray shielding member (600) is at least in part arranged to

protect an individual read-out circuit (MOS transistor). However, the above described combination of Wischmann *et al.* and Kobayashi *et al.*, as previously applied to original claim 1, fails to show an interruption in this layer through which a signal connection can be made.

With respect to claims 9 and 10, the combination of Wischmann *et al.* and Kobayashi *et al.*, as previously applied to original claims 3 and 6, fails to teach the use of transverse absorption units in this layer to separate adjacent read-out circuits.

With respect to claims 8 and 11, these claims are dependant upon allowable claims and are therefore also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark R. Gaworecki whose telephone number is (571) 272-8540. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Porta can be reached on (571) 272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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